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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 8159.1-304	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US00/23410	International filing date (day/month/year) 25 AUGUST 2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 27 AUGUST 1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): H04N 7/00 and US Cl.: 348/3, 10; 709/231		
Applicant WORLD THEATER, INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

I ☒ Basis of the report

II ☐ Priority

III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability

IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention

V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

VI ☐ Certain documents cited

VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application

VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages: 1-39 , as originally filed
pages: NONE , filed with the demand
pages: NONE , filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages: 40-47 , as originally filed
pages: NONE , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages: NONE , filed with the demand
pages: NONE , filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the drawings:
pages: 1-12 , as originally filed
pages: NONE , filed with the demand
pages: NONE , filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the sequence listing part of the
pages: NONE , as originally filed
pages: NONE , filed with the demand
pages: NONE , filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages: NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets-fig. NONE

5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-26	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 1-26	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-26	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-26 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for distributing movies to customer households comprising a combination of blanket transmitting a plurality of movies, permitting each customer household to preselect and record desired movies, communicating movie playback information from each customer household to a central controller system and billing customer households for only those preselected.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE